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Letter dated 7 February 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 17 December 2007 (A/62/590-S/2007/745), I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded from 5 December 2007 to 30 January 2008, as follows:

On 5 December 2007, two C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 7 December 2007, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 11 December 2007, two F-16 and four Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 12 December 2007, two F-16, two CN-235, two B-200 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations six times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 17 December 2007, two F-16, one CN-235 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 18 December 2007, two CN-235 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 19 December 2007, two C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

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On 25 December 2007, one F-16 and two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations once and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 26 December 2007, two B-200 and three Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 27 December 2007, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 2 January 2008, two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 6 January 2008, two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 7 January 2008, two F-16 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations twice.

On 8 January 2008, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 9 January 2008, two B-200 Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 13 January 2008, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 14 January 2008, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 15 January 2008, six F-16 and twelve F-4 Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations four times, and two C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 16 January 2008, two C-130 Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 22 January 2008, two C-160 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 23 January 2008, two F-16 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations twice, and two B-200 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 30 January 2008, two F-16 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations twice, and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On behalf of my Government, I strongly protest the aforementioned violations and call for their immediate cessation. I would like to stress that Turkey by its irresponsible actions not only gravely violates international law and international rules, but also puts at risk the safety of international civil aviation in the region.

Turkey, a country that has aspirations to take a non-permanent seat in the Security Council next year, systematically attempts to undermine the sovereignty and unity of the Republic of Cyprus by promoting an illegal secessionist entity, arrogating to itself, inter alia, the right to interfere in part of the sovereign airspace of Cyprus. This gravely jeopardizes the atmosphere of trust and confidence that should prevail between the two sides in order to resume negotiations and provides once again evidence of Turkey's precise political aim, which is to consolidate the division of the island and maintain its presence in Cyprus.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of the present letter to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 22, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Andreas D. **Mavroyiannis**